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UNCOMPLETED RAILROADS

Deadlock on Four Oregon Roads

BY INDIVIDUAL GREED

Millions of Dollars Kept Out of State by Selfish Property Holders

BEEN IDLE FOR MONTHS

Tillamookers Are Still Holding up Work on the Pacific Railway and Navigation Company But Are Handicapped.

Will the entire summer of 1908 pass away without accomplishment of anything in the way of completing the many important railroad projects now under way in Oregon? It begins to look that way, and the very people who will be most directly benefited are the ones who are responsible for the delays, says the Portland Telegram.

The matter has really reached a serious stage, and practically no preliminary or construction work is being done on four distinct big projects, one steam and the other three electrical. The aggregate expenditure involved runs into the millions, and the money is on hand to be put to use. Yet it is idle, has been idle for months, and indications are that it will live idle for months to come. The four projects referred to are:

The Oregon Electric Company's extension from Portland to Hillsboro.

The Mount Hood Railway & Power Company line into Portland.

The United Railways line from Portland to Forest Grove and Hillsboro.

The Pacific Railway & Navigation Company's line from Portland to Tillamook.

The one great obstacle in the way of pushing the plans of these corporations to immediate completion is the obstructionist tactics of property-owners along the proposed rights of way. More deplorable still is the fact that in each instance only a mere handful of property-owners has been able to delay progress for months. In the case of the Oregon Electric line, just to property-owners have been successful in forcing the company to abandon all work, have compelled the company to remove the steel and other material already on the ground and the throwing of hundreds of men out of employment.

Each of these men is asking more than the company believes his property is worth, and insists that the company erect a permanent depot on his property. This the company has steadfastly refused to do in all cases, on the ground that it feels better able to judge where the prospective traffic conditions will require stations and depots, both freight and passenger. This matter, the company maintains, is governed entirely by the rapidity of development of the various sections tapped by the road.

No work of any importance has been done on the uncompleted road to Tillamook, the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company. President Lytle when the financial flurry came last fall, abandoned work from this end, and during the winter, his right-of-way men did their level best to secure certain strips of property needed near Tillamook, but the property-owners and business interests over

there did not keep their promises, and the company was obliged to spend \$20,000 for small strips of land which had been promised them as a bonus if the road would be built. Tillamookers are still holding up work now, and President Lytle, when asked when operations would be resumed, exclaimed:

"I'll be d-d if I know, and I'll be d-d if I care."

Summer up briefly, here are hundreds of steam and electric railroads work already under way, backed by almost unlimited capital, to tap rich, undeveloped regions which have been crying for transportation facilities for years, on which a stroke of work cannot be done, thanks to a few greedy landowners, whose property will be tremendously enhanced in value, the moment these railroads are in operation.

The effect is even more far-reaching and serious than appears on the face of it and as explained above, for when Eastern capitalists who come out here from time to time looking for safe and profitable industrial investments see how railroad promoters and builders have been faring at the hands of the "mossbacks" heretofore, they are at once discouraged over the outlook and in that way volumes of money eager for work is driven away.

There is also another deplorable aspect to the situation. At no time in years has structure material been so cheap as it is now, and so easy to get. The structural steel market is sluggish, with prices way down, and there is a sufficient supply available to fill all orders almost immediately. At the same time, the inactive business world generally has found the railroads with an enormous amount of idle equipment on their hands, so that the material could be laid down here on very short notice.

Yet, in the face of all these conditions, so favorable to railroad building in this territory, capital is dormant and labor is restless and idle, while the great and undeveloped resources of Oregon are needlessly neglected.

MORE HIGH WATER

Floods Threaten the City of St. Louis

THE MISSISSIPPI IS RISING

The Levee is Completely Submerged—East St. Louis Strengthening the Temporary Levees—Steamboats Lower Smokestacks to Pass Bridge

ST. LOUIS, June 17.—The Mississippi river, which has been steadily rising for the last three days, has reached a stage of 33.7 feet, almost four feet above the flood danger line, and the levee is completely submerged. The cellars of buildings along the levee are flooded, and it is predicted that before the day is over the first floors will be covered by water.

Five thousand sacks were purchased and hurried to East St. Louis to be used today in strengthening temporary levees and repairing weak places in old levees. Mayor Cook, who is personally conducting the work of safeguarding East St. Louis, is not apprehensive of flood damage at the present stage of the river.

Most of the steamboats are obliged to lower their smokestacks in passing under Eads bridge.

OMAHA, June 17.—The Missouri river failed to show any fall this morning, despite reports of lower river above Omaha, and stood at 18.3, which was the mark yesterday. The stream is still rising at Sioux City, and this, with additional rains in the upper Missouri River watershed, leads to the forecast that no radical fall may be expected for at least a few days.

SECOND DAY OF CONVENTION BRINGS ROOSEVELT YELLS

Whirlwind of Enthusiasm Raged Within Vast Amphitheatre of the Coliseum for 45 Minutes

ROOSEVELT STAMPEDE FEATURE OF THE DAY

Again Every Seat Was Occupied With 14,000 People, Packing Floors, Aisles, Galleries and Every Available Space—Convention Was Called to Order at 12:19

TEDDY BEAR WAS HURLED FROM DELEGATE TO DELEGATE

SCENE WITHIN COLISEUM REPEATED THAT OF TUESDAY IN MAGNITUDE AND BRILLIANCY OF ITS SPECTACULAR FEATURES—TAFT'S STRENGTH BECOMING MORE APPARENT AS THE DAY ADVANCES.

CHICAGO, June 17.—The convention opened at 12:19 o'clock p. m., but as the report of the committee on credentials was not ready there ensued a long interval, during which bands played and there were parades and the marching of clubs to the hall.

Chairman Lodge's reference to Roosevelt caused a demonstration of 4 minutes duration and there was wonderful excitement; the presence of the "Teddy Bear" which was tossed around the hall kept the wildest enthusiasm up.

The committee on credentials will make no changes from the action taken by the national committee.

The second day of the republican national convention has brought the long expected Roosevelt yell and whirlwind which raged within the vast amphitheatre of the Coliseum for fully 4 minutes today, and for a time presenting to the timid spectre of the Roosevelt stampede. This demonstration was decidedly the feature of the day otherwise not able for stirring speech from the permanent chairman of the convention, Senator Lodge for the much political procedure, in the placing of the convention on a smooth running basis and for the final defeat of the plan to reduce the representation of the southern states at the future national conventions. Probably the most important act of the day and one having the greatest significance in the final result of the convention was the adoption of the final report of the committee on credentials, seating the Taft delegates practically in the total. If there has been any lingering doubt of the doubt of the Taft strength it has disappeared before this decisive action, which in effect placed more than 700 delegates in the Taft column.

An equally important and even more remarkable was the final acceptance of this result by the "Allies" without the formality of dissenting the minority report and without carrying the question to the floor of the convention for an open fight which has been so long threatened. Instead all the further opposition seemed to crumble and thus the path was cleared for the fulfillment of the plans already matured for the nomination of head of the ticket. The favorites still have, however, their hands of steadfast supporters who will show their loyalty when the first ballot is taken. The scene within the Coliseum today repeated that of yesterday in the magnitude and brilliancy of its spectacular features. Again every seat was occupied and 14,000 people packing the floors and aisles and galleries and the platform joined in the ebb and flow of the agitation and enthusiasm. Temporary Chairman Burrows called the convention to order at 12:20 but the delays of the committees in reporting gave an hour for the diversion before the serious work of the day began.

Lodge spoke with that resonant New England twang which made it

writing to the farthest corners of the hall. "Fevered fancy of an uneasy decade" was his indictment hurled against the visionary policies of the opposition parties. The applause hardly died away when Lodge launched his sentence, which electrified the assemblage into its first real demonstration of wild enthusiasm.

"The President," exclaimed Lodge, "is the most abused and the most popular man in the United States today." This was the long awaited signal and instantly the shout broke from the galleries and was echoed back from the floor after the tempest of detached yells and cat calls and shouts of "Teddy" but gradually the whole gathering joined in the outbreak. The delegates were on their feet, on the chairs waving hands, and newspapers, one delegate had torn his coat off and was waving it, and there was a general pandemonium. In the midst of it all some one hurled a huge "Teddy bear" among the delegates and it was pitched back and forth from one delegation to another, the tempest of noise became greater if that were possible. Thirty minutes passed, forty-five, a full three quarters of an hour in this bewildering confusing of sight and sound.

Frank H. Hitchcock, Taft's manager, moved about the floor smiling as the tumult was at its height. The cheers for Roosevelt today will be for Taft tomorrow," said he with confidence.

Tomorrow's session will open at 10 o'clock instead of noon as heretofore so that the whole day may be had for the discussion of the principles and the men.

Promulgation of a letter from vice-President Fairbanks reiterating his "Irrevocable determination" to not again be a candidate for office, he now holds was the most important development of the day in connection with the vice-presidential nomination.

If the republican convention refuses to adopt the platform on which Secretary Taft feels he can make the winning race, the republican convention will have to find the man who needs no platform to win.

At 10 o'clock tonight the sub-committee on the resolutions which has been revising the draft of platform as prepared in Washington decided to incorporate the plank regarding the use of injunctions in the labor controversies and the full committee was called in to receive the sub-committee's report. The injunction plank asserts that the republican party adways has and will uphold the processes and proceedings of the courts and has absolute faith in their integrity. Due notice shall be given the impending injunction proceedings.

The agreement is that the only nominating speeches and the one seconding speech for each candidate will be made. The speech nominating Taft will be made by Senator Burton and the seconding speech by George A. Knight of California.

MEDALS FOR HEROES

Accident Underwriters Decide To Award Three Annually.

NEW YORK, June 17.—The first time in history, heroes will be recognized and be awarded by a committee when International Association of Accident Underwriters meets in convention in Atlanta, Ga., July 8 and 9 next. Last year the Association decided to award annually three gold medals, called the George B. McNeill medal, in honor of the memory of one of the founders of the Association to three persons in the United States and Canada who performed deeds of heroism which resulted in saving of human life. The medals are two inches in diameter suspended from a bar and bearing on one side a portrait of the late Geo. B. McNeill. The reverse side and the bar will be suitably inscribed with the name of the Association, the name of the one to whom it is awarded and the occasion of the meritorious deed. The committee in charge has a number of names now before them for consideration. The winners will report to the convention and the presentations will be made by some prominent local official.

LUMBERMEN MEET.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 17.—The National Lumber Manufacturers' Association is in session here today and adopted a resolution against the incorporation of an anti-injunction plank in the republican platform. The resolution was telegraphed to the resolutions committee at Chicago. Frank E. Long of Kansas City was elected president and E. H. Greggs of Tacoma was elected vice-president.

LEAVES ESTATE TO WIFE.

NEW YORK, June 17.—The will of O. P. H. Belmont gives his entire estate to Mrs. Belmont. The value is not given.

NOT ENOUGH MONEY

Militia Cannot Be Fully Equipped for \$2,000,000

MILITARY BOARD REPORT

The Limit Prescribed by the Act of Congress is Not Enough—The Military Board Have Completed Their Work.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The military board appointed by the secretary of war to reorganize its militia completed their work today. They reached the conclusion that the militia cannot be fully equipped for field service for the \$2,000,000 limit prescribed by an act of Congress in any one year and the opinion of members is that the process of the equipment must be carried on for a number of years. General Drain of the State of Washington was made the chairman of the board.

WILL NOT PAY INTEREST.

Two Washington Banks Return Government Deposits.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The treasury department has received from the Chemical National Bank of New York, the entire deposit of the government money amounting to a million and a quarter, with the explanation that the bank will not pay interest to the depositors and as it would be required to by the new currency law. Officers of the bank decided not to make an exception in favor of the government. The American Exchange Bank of New York surrendered its access for the same reason.

SCHOONER RUNS ASHORE

Ida Schnauer Near Tillamook Bay

PROBABLY TOTAL LOSS

Enroute From Redondo to Tillamook, Ship Met Disaster Some Time Yesterday

IN SIGHT OF BAY OCEAN PARK

The Life Saving Crew Remove All on Board the Vessel Excepting the Captain Who Refuses to Leave His Post.

TILLAMOOK, Ore., June 17.—The schooner Ida Schnauer, en route from Redondo to Tillamook, ran ashore near Tillamook Bay within sight of Bay Ocean Park today. The schooner will be a total loss. The life saving crew removed all on board except the captain who would not leave the ship.

PUGILIST KILLED.

PHILADELPHIA, June 17.—Thomas Hagen or Hage, a marine, was killed tonight by a blow over the heart in a prizefight with a pugilist named Johnny Hogan on board the battleship Mississippi.

BASEBALL GAMES.

American League.
At Detroit—Detroit 4, Philadelphia 3.
At Chicago—Chicago 2, New York 5.
At Cleveland—Cleveland 2, Washington 0.
National League.
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 2, Chicago 3.
At Boston—Boston 4, 2, Pittsburg 14, 4.
At New York—New York 2, 4, Cincinnati 1, 2.
At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 5, St. Louis 0.

Coast League.
At Oakland—Oakland 7, Portland 7 (called 15th inning; darkness).
At Los Angeles—Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 1.
At Spokane—Spokane 3, Vancouver 2.
At Aberdeen—Aberdeen 5, Butte 10.

ANOTHER VICTORY.

PITTSBURG, June 17.—Mrs. Mary Scott Hartje, the wife of August Hartje, the millionaire paper manufacturer, won another victory today when she was given \$5000 alimony, \$25,000 court expenses and \$7000 attorney's fees.

LUMBER CENSUS.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—According to the census bureau the total cut of lumber in the United States during the calendar year of 1907 was 47,256,000 feet in board measure. The number mills, being nearly 29,000.

TO SUPPORT BRYAN.

JACKSON, Miss., June 17.—The Democratic state convention which met here today instructed the delegates to support Bryan for President.